Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A process for preparing a catalyst which comprises:

(a) preparing a paste comprising a uniform mixture of

(i) at least one alkaline earth metal carbonate;

(ii) a liquid medium;

(iii) a silver bonding additive; and,

(iv) at least one extrusion aid;

(b) forming one or more shaped particles from said paste;

(c) drying and calcining said particles; and,

(d) impregnating the dried and calcined particles with a solution comprising a silver compound.

2. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the liquid medium is aqueous; and the silver bonding additive is a silver oxalate ~~ethylene diamine~~ ethylenediamine complex.

3. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein step (d) comprises a process comprising:

(i) impregnating the particles obtained in step (c); and,

(ii) drying the impregnated particles at a temperature in the range of from 100 °C to 1000 °C.

4. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the paste has a weight ratio of silver calculated as metal to alkaline earth metal carbonate of 1:5 to 1:100; the silver solution has a concentration of silver of from 27% to 33% by weight,

and the temperatures for drying and calcining are in the range of from 200 °C to 950 °C.

5. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the alkaline earth metal carbonate comprises calcium carbonate; and, the paste comprises a mixture of between 0.90 to 99 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and between 35 to 45 parts by weight aqueous silver oxalate-ethylenediamine solution having a concentration of from 27% to 33% by weight of the silver complex.

6. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 2 wherein the silver oxalate ~~ethylene diamine~~ ethylenediamine complex comprises an aqueous solution, wherein said solution further comprises cesium hydroxide.

7. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the alkaline earth metal carbonate comprises calcium carbonate.

8. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 7 wherein the silver bonding additive comprises an aqueous solution of a silver oxalate ~~ethylene diamine~~ ethylenediamine complex; the weight ratio of silver to calcium carbonate in the catalyst is 1:9; and, the shaped particles are formed via extrusion.

9. (Original) A process for preparing an olefin oxide comprising reacting a gas composition comprising an olefin and oxygen in the presence of the catalyst composition obtained by the process comprising:

(a) preparing a paste comprising a uniform mixture of

    (i) at least one alkaline earth metal carbonate;

    (ii) a liquid medium;

    (iii) a silver bonding additive; and,

    (iv) at least one extrusion aid;

    (v) forming one or more shaped particles from said paste;

(vi) drying and calcining said particles; and,

(vii) impregnating the dried and calcined particles with a solution comprising a silver compound.

10. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 9 wherein the olefin is propylene or ethylene.

11. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 9 wherein the gas composition further comprises ethylchloride and/or NO_x.

12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 9 wherein the olefin has a concentration of at least 0.5% v, the concentration of oxygen is at least 2%, and the ethylchloride concentration is at least 0.1 ppm by volume.

13. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 9 wherein the process is operated at a temperature in the range of from 150 °C to 320 °C, a pressure in the range of from 0.5 barg to 100 barg, and a Gas Hourly Space Velocity in the range of from 100 Nl/l·h to 30,000 Nl/l·h.

14. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the olefin is propylene or ethylene.

15. (Original) The process of claim 13 wherein the gas composition further comprises ethylchloride and/or NO_x.

16. (Currently Amended) The process claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein the olefin has a concentration of at least 0.5% v, the concentration of oxygen is at least 2%, and the ethylchloride concentration is at least 0.1 ppm by volume.